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From our Womens Yearly Meeting held at *York* the 19*th*. and 20*th*. days of the Fourth month. 1700.

WE being Mett together to wait upon the Lord, to feel his Heavenly Power to inable us to perform our Christian duties we owe unto the Lord, and one unto another: for he hath been pleased to regard the low estates of his hand-Maids, and in his wonted kindness hath accompanied our meeting with his Heavenly presence, and visited our Soulswith his unchangeable Love to the gladding of our hearts to-gether. And here hath been severall Testimonies born amongst us to our great comfort and Confirmation. And we have received Testimonies in writing from the most of our monthly meetings, of the care and Concern of friends. And Some have given a-good account of the prosperity, and Increase of Truth, and Condescention of friends to a Reformation in severall things that are wanting, and we hope in future time will be amended.

And now friends, we could well do no less, then give in this short account of the Concerns of this our Solemn Assembly, desiring your due Care in the wisdom of God to manage the Affaires of Truth in every monthly meeting. For we being vnder a weighty Concern of the great Love of God in Seperating of us, from the worlds vaine Customs, foolish Fashions, and traditions: And by his power making a Remnant willing to lose the favour of Relations,

and acquaintance for denying cuſtomary Feaſtings, at marriages, births and burialls, at feaſt times, mas-times, faſt dayes, and all other vaine Sportings, and paſtimes: And ſome for teſtifying againſt them have been deep Sufferers. Therefore we deſire Friends care in every particular Meeting, that none profeſsing the ſame Truth, may practice thoſe things which others ſuffered for denying: And that the Antients keep to their plainneſs, and the Simplicity of the Truth which is unchangeable in it-ſelf; and admits not of any change in us, neither doth it ſuffer our children, or ſervants to mix with the world in any of theſe things.

And we deſire our queries from our laſt Quarterly Meeting may be put in practice, which is needful, not onely ſo, but where any thing is wanting, that may be as weighty: For we deſire in all things, we may do to others, as we would they ſhould do to us, and give no occaſion to *Jew* nor *Gentile*; but keep a Conſcience void of offence both towards God and Man; and as much as in us lyes, live peaceably with all, and do good unto all, eſpecially unto the houſehould of faith: For ſurely, friends, a blameleſs life, and righteous converſation reaches the witneſs in others, and ſtops the mouths of Gain-ſayers.

And where any go into any thing of diſorder, which cauſes the way of Truth to be evill ſpoken of, as in the dayes of old: Such may be dealt with, according to order now eſtabliſhed. Many admonitions ſuch have had from this place: much we could write, but we would be ſhort.

For there are more Meetings now erected, and Friends have the opportunity of inquiring one of another, the oftner, and hearing one from another, how the affairs of Truth are carryed on, in every monthly Meeeing, which we hope may be of good ſervice; as Friends are freely given up in the wiſdom of

of God to attend theſe Meetings, and in his counſell to manage Truths Concerns.

And we alſo deſire, there may be no backwardneſs in Friends in helping in this ſervice, for if wo was pronounced againſt thoſe that wrought the Lords worke careleſly, or with negligent minds, what will it be for thoſe that will not worke it at all, nor lend a hand to help it on. *Jael was comended for putting her hand to the worke, and her right hand to the work-Mans hammer: Deborah, Dorcas,* and *Lidia* with many others, who were Co-workers, and Fellow labourers, whoſe Teſtimonies are left upon Record, that have been a Comfort and Incouragement to us. And truly Friends, great Incouragement we have had from the Lord, and cauſe to Incourage one another, as living members of one body, which cannot ſay to each other we have no need of thee; For there is need of all, and ſervice for all, in building the walls of *Jeruſalem, repairing her waſtes, and making up the breaches in Sion.*

And take heed of letting in hard thoughts, one againſt another and be not too hard one upon another about things ſerviceable, which gives no occaſion, but be carefull to preſerve vnity. But things needleſs, and Superfluous, that give occaſion, thoſe teſtify againſt: And do not reflect one upon another, ſaying the worke hath been long in hand, and little done, There is a great deal to do yet, And truly Friends, we believe, there will be woke for the People of the Lord in all Ages: We could be glad, if through our travell, future Ages might have more eaſe.

And now young Women, who feel a Concern upon you for the Honour of the Lord in your day: We deſire your faithfullneſs, and your help, and care for good Order, and Church diſcipline: For you are very near, and dear to us, and we are comforted in you, and incouraged, that when

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we ſhall be diſſovled, and gone to our reſt; Our Heavenly Father (whoſe tender care hath been over us to this very day living praiſes to him for ever) we believe will enable you to carry on his worke, to his Honour, your Souls Comfort, and his Peoples good.

Now Friends, we know we have hinted at theſe things in our former Teſtimonies from this place, ſo that we have no new thing to write, yet we hope we may be born in ſtirring up the pure minde one in another, and puting one another in remembrance of performing theſe things.

And we deſire this Teſtimony may be accepted, and received in the ſame love in which it is given forth: And we alſo deſire, that our former Teſtimonyes given from this place may not be loſt, but be gathered up in every monthly Meeting, and kept in ſome particular hand, if happily there may be ſervice for them in future time.

Alſo we deſire, that care be taken that ſome weighty Friends of every monthly Meeting do attend the next Quarterly Meeting.

Signed on the behalfe of the Meeting by us

Elizabeth Taylor.
Katharine Win.
Mary White.
Deborah Win.
Alice Ellis.
Elizabeth Yeall.
Rachel Linſkill.
Margaret Smith.
Mary Burgeſs.
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